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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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INFO AMCONSUL DURBAN

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AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: "WILD GOOSE" LAYS AN EGG

1. PLANS FOR MERCENARY UNIT FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO FIGHT FOR ANGOLAN LIBERATION GROUP HAVE BEEN DITCHED, ACCORDING TO STORY CARRIED BY ARGUS AFRICA NEWS SERVICE. REPORTER MARSHALL WILSON CLAIMS GROUP CALLING ITSELF "WILD GOOD CLUB" HAD PLANNED TO ENTER ANGOLA AND LINK UP WITH JONAS SAVIMBI'S UNITA.

2. GROUP ALLEGEDLY FORMED BY SAM CASSIDY, FORMER NUMBER-TWO MAN TO EX-CONGO MERCENARY LEADER COLONEL MIKE HOARE. CASSIDY SUPPOSEDLY HAD SUPPORT OF MANY FORMER MEMBERS OF HOARE'S NO. 5 COMMANDO, AND WAS ACTING UNDER ORDERS OF HOARE HIMSELF. PLANS FELL THROUGH BECAUSE OF LEAKS AND "DISSENSION" WITHIN "CLUB," INSUFFICIENT FINANCIAL BACKING, AND POLITICAL VACILLATION WITHIN ANGOLA.

3. TEXT OF THREE-PART ACCOUNT BEING POUCHED TO AF/S AND LUANDA.

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4. COMMENT: WHATEVER CAUSED MERCENARY PLAN DEMISE, EXECUTION

WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT GIVEN SAG'S CLEARLY STATED POLICY AGAINST ALLOWING MERCENARIES TO BE RECRUITED WITHIN OR OPERATE FROM SA. PRIME MINISTER VORSTER, MINISTER OF DEFENSE BOTHA, AND MINISTER OF POLICE KRUGER HAVE ALL MADE STRONG STATEMENTS IN RECENT MONTHS TO EFFECT THAT SAG WOULD NOT TOLERATE MERCENARY ACTIVITY EMANATING FROM SOUTH AFRICA.
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